Year	No. of Companies
1987	Nil
1988	7
1989	11
1990	10
1991	33
1992	3
1993	22
1994	19
1995	20
1996	50

(d) and (e). Where a scheme for rehabilitation of sick company is approved/sanctioned by the BIFR under section 17(2) or 18(4) of SICA, it is binding on all the parties concerned including banks/financial institutions to provide facilities in terms of the sanctioned scheme. In case of failure to comply with the provisions of a sanctioned scheme, BIFR has powers to invoke penal provisions as provided under section 33 of SICA. As on 30.06.1996, BIFR had issued show-cause notices to banks/financial institutions concerned in respect of nine cases to explain the delay in complying with the provisions of the sanctioned scheme.

(f) BIFR has reported that it has streamlined its procedures, has reduced the time lag in hearing and has shortened the overall duration of proceedings to ensure expeditious disposal of cases.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	State	No. of cases registered
1.	Andhra Pradesh	211
2.	Assam	8
3.	Bihar	55
4.	Chandigarh	2
5.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4
6.	Goa, Daman & Diu	6
7.	Gujarat	164
8.	Haryana	56
9.	Himachal Pradesh	35
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	6
11.	Kerala	64
12.	Karnataka	119
13.	Madhya Pradesh	92
14.	Maharashtra	283
15.	NCT of Delhi	12
16.	Nagaland	1
17.	Orissa	35
18.	Pondicherry	10
19.	Punjab	54
20.	Rajasthan	85
21.	Tamil Nadu	143
22.	Tripura	1
23.	Uttar Pradesh	185
24.	West Bengal	176
	Total	1807

Adoption of Eco-friendly Technologies

4478. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government so far to ensure that the textile-mills under NTC and other mills adopt eco-friendly technologies and ensure treatment of all polluting effluents in pursuance of the global agreement for adoption of eco-friendly technologies;

(b) the progress made in this direction indicating the number of textile mills in different States especially Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa which

have adopted such measures and those which have not so far adopted them; and

(c) the expenditure incurred so far during each year on such measuring?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Exporters' Grievances Redressal Cell

4479. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up an Exporters' Grievances Redressal Cell;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Grievances and suggestions of exporters are not being looked into within the prescribed time;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the action taken by the Government to remedy the situation; and

(f) the extent to which the Government have achieved the objectives of the above cell?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. An Exporters' Redressal Cell (ERC) has been formed to entertain and monitor disposal of suggestions and difficulties of exporters and to facilitate early action on such issues.

(c) to (e). While no time frame can be indicated for policy issues, specific grievances are endeavoured to be disposed of within four weeks. The progress of disposals is also monitored through intra and inter-ministerials meetings.

(f) The healthy growth of Indian exports is a measure of activities of ERC and other export promotional steps taken by the Government.

[English]

Protocol System

4480. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued any instructions or guidelines to Customs authorities at airports to check misuse of protocol system and evasion of custom duty;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the details of such cases where the protocol system has been misused in evading custom duty at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi during 1995 and in 1996 so far; and

(d) the extent to which the authorities have been able to check such irregularities at the airport?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). The Protocol facilities are extended to VIPs, such as Ministers, Members of Parliament, Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts, persons of eminence in any prominent field, other dignitaries, Senior Civil Servants and to children and aged and impaired passengers for expeditious clearance of their baggage, after securing compliance with normal customs procedure and payment of customs duty wherever required. Instructions already exist for dealing with cases of misuse of facilities provided at the Airports and cases of evasion of customs duties wherever noticed are dealt with according to the law.

(c) A statement giving details of cases where extension of a protocol facilities occasioned payment of customs duty and other penal action is enclosed herewith.

(d) There is no large scale abuse of Protocol System. With a view to prevent smuggling and evasion of customs duty, the department has set up at each Airport an Intelligence Unit staffed by trained and experienced officers who provide inputs for purpose of customs checks of passengers, including V.I.Ps. In addition, X-Ray Machines have been installed at all Major International Airports which are used for screening the passengers' baggage on the basis of Intelligence as well as random selection.

STATEMENT

I. On 7-11-1995 Shri Kamal Nath, former Minister of Textile arrived from abroad. His P.S., who was present to collect the Baggage, reported with Baggage in dutiable channel (Red Channel) for payment of duty and declared the contents as crockery and cut glasses. The Baggage was examined and a duty of Rs. 1,11,217/- was collected. In addition, Redemption fine of Rs. 25,000/- and penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed. However, on appeal the said order was set aside by the Appellate Authority on 10-5-1996.

II. On 13-5-1996, a Vietnamese Diplomat named Mr. Pham Trong Duong from Vietnamese Embassy came to receive a passenger named Mr. Trong Minh Tam. Gold weighing 13.118 Kgs. valued at Rs. 70,18,130/- was seized from the said passenger. The passenger has been arrested and further proceedings as under Law is in progress. The